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INDO-NEW ZEALAND TRADE AGREEMENT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister of New Zealand recently visited India;

(b) if so, whether high level New Zealand delegation has identified areas of trade between India and New Zealand;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any bilateral agreements were signed with them; and

(e) if so, the details thereof with the benefits likely to accrue as a result of these agreements?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) Minister for Commerce & Industry called on the Prime Minister of New Zealand during her visit to India. During the discussions between the two leaders, both sides inter alia underlined the need to put more momentum in the bilateral trade relations. The two leaders discussed the possibility of cooperation in the areas of tourism, forestry, IT, services sector, food processing and agriculture, in addition to the traditional areas of trade.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Question does not arise.